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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP: GREEK FIRM'S POSSIBLE BID TO SUPPLY
MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO SYRIA

REF: A. ATHENS 801

¶B. STATE 50278

Classified By: Political Counselor Robin Quinville for 1.5 (b) and (d)

¶1. (S) PolMil Chief revisited ref A demarche (and ref B interim reply) with the MFA's Dionyssios Kyvetos, the responsible officer in the MFA's Directorate for International Organizations and Nonproliferation. Kyvetos said that following his ref B meeting with Embassy officials in April 2007, he had checked with all relevant Ministries, and that there was no record of any application by XXXXXXXXXXXX to supply multispectral camouflage netting to Syria. Should such an application be filed, he said that it would be denied; he affirmed that under Greek law, XXXXXXXXXXXX would have to file such an application and receive a license prior to exporting such material to Syria. PolMil Chief reviewed verbatim the ref A points and emphasized the request that the GoG "take appropriate action to dissuade the exporter in question from this or any further cooperation with Syria." PolMil Chief also reiterated USG's reporting requirement under the Iran, North Korea and Syria Nonproliferation Act (INKSNA). Kyvetos replied that absent a request from XXXXXXXXXXXX for an export license, there was little the GOG could do. He did say, however, that he would again inform Ministry of Public Order (police and security services) officials of the USG concern with XXXXXXXXXXXX.

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